

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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Minutes of School Committee Workshop 09/30/2014

The Barrington School Committee held a workshop on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 in the Administration Building. Mrs. Brody called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mr. Messore, Mrs. Dillon, and Mr. Tarro. Absent were Dr. Dominguez and Mr. Fuller.

The School Committee reviewed the current School Committee Policy Manual for policies to edit, suspend, and post for first reading prior to approval by the School Committee. Policies discussed that may require edits include incorporation of the Rhode Island Code of Professional Responsibility in a new policy on Learning Environment/Treatment of Students, policies on statutory responsibilities relative to reporting abuse by staff and related Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards protocols, graduation requirements, summer school, food and peanut allergies, hiring, as well as the policy on Suspension of Policies to include language on current practices. The Committee agreed to suspend the policy on Barrington Objective Hiring Criteria. The policy on Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) for Elementary and Secondary Schools, with language to include revisions, will be placed on the next regular School Committee meeting agenda for a first reading.

Mr. Guida volunteered to review the proposed new policy on Learning Environment/Treatment of Students and assess the feasibility of incorporation of the Rhode Island Code of Professional Responsibility and the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards in the policy. Mr. Guida noted that the policies may be subject to separate adoption by the School Committee. He noted that this research would involve a considerable amount of time.

The School Committee agreed that the Policy Workshop (two hour) format is best suited to the intensive policy review process and the Committee will schedule a second Policy Workshop in early 2015.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adjourn the policy workshop at 9:05 p.m. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.